International Services Center

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Dear Friend:

PLEASE! YOUR MEMBERSHIP MAKES US MORE EFFECTIVE !

Recent headlines in the world press remind us of the reasons why refugees flee their countries and seek safe harbor elsewhere. In light of that, please know that our agency--even on a modest scale--is directly involved in helping alleviate the plight of hundreds of individuals and families who are able to escape threats to their lives and have become refugees whom our agency helps resettle in Cleveland under auspices of the U.S. Department of State.

Refugee resettlement is just one of the programs offered by our agency, which exists to assist new Americans and persons with cultural or family ties to other parts of the world. As with many other non-profit, social service providers, we are faced with continuing cutbacks in our funding. Our mission is made even more difficult with the present anti-immigrant mood pervading our country and being formalized in new legislation before Congress that will affect not only illegal aliens, but also legal immigrants, who have since the founding of our Republic, been a fundamental part of what makes this country great.

One of the important elements that has made our agency strong is the support we receive from various communities throughout Greater Cleveland. That support today is more important than ever. That is why we are asking that you or your organization become a supporting member of The International Services Center. Evidence of support in the community strengthens our hand when we compete for social service dollars in the United Way Services system, for government grants, and foundation funding.

We seek your help to make our work more effective. We welcome your active involvement in our agency and our programs. As a supporting member of The International Services Center, you or your organization can help make a difference in our community--and the world.

Our heartfelt thanks to you.

Sincerely yours,

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